

Urges the EPA to Reconsider Excessive Regulation

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Congressman Mike Pence supports legislation that halts Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations that, according to some estimates, would cost Indiana more than 16,000 jobs and Hoosier consumers more than \$1 billion. The EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011 halts policies, known as Boiler Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT), proposed by the EPA that would have a negative impact on the economy.

"In this difficult economy, Hoosier families are hurting. We cannot afford these burdensome regulations from the EPA that will increase energy costs and destroy jobs," said Pence. "I urge the EPA to take a fresh look at ways in which we can protect our environment and protect the livelihoods of working Hoosier families."

Background

The EPA Regulatory Relief Act gives the EPA 15 months to propose new rules regarding industrial boilers to ensure that they are economically as well as technically achievable for businesses. It would also increase the deadline from 15 months to five years for companies to meet these proposed requirements. According to an IHS Global Insight Study, if the EPA's current proposed policies on industrial boilers are enacted, Indiana could potentially lose 16,380 jobs and the rules could cost the state more than \$1 billion.

The EPA-proposed rules are aimed at industrial boilers that provide power to Hoosier oil refineries, chemical plants, paper mills and other factories. These rules would require costly new pollution controls on larger boilers and periodic updates for smaller boilers which would directly impact hospitals, factories, universities, farms, and thousands of major American employers.

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